

Philippines last year to become the second-largest foreign supplier of tuna to the United States, after Thailand. Starkist in particular is now pushing for the elimination of import tariffs on canned tuna from Ecuador.

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF CUBA'S INDEPENDENCE FROM SPAIN

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, today I joined President Bush and the Cuban-American community in Miami to observe the 100th anniversary of Cuba's independence from Spain. This is a bittersweet celebration because Cubans today are not free.

Centuries ago, when Spaniards first arrived on Cuban shores, they marveled at the breathtaking beauty of the island and recognized the importance of its geographical location. It is no wonder why this island became known as the "Pearl of the Antilles."

After years of Spanish control, Cuban patriots such as Carlos Manuel de Céspedes, Maximo Gomez, Antonio Maceo, and Jose Marti, gave unselfishly of themselves to ensure that Cuba would become free and independent. But it was not until May 20, 1902, that Cuba's first sovereign government was established and Tomas Estrada Palma became Cuba's first President.

As the years passed, Cuba prospered and was recognized around the world for its many educational, cultural and financial accomplishments. Regrettably, many of these advances came to a halt with the arrival of Fidel Castro's revolution. Sadly, this regime is notorious for its repression and tyranny, and its human rights record has been so deplorable that the United Nations Human Rights Commission continues to condemn the Cuban government year after year.

On this day, when all Cubans should be celebrating the many accomplishments of the past 100 years, you cannot help but wonder how many more achievements could have been attained in a free, democratic and prosperous Cuba.

Today, I want to take the opportunity to recognize the many contributions of our Cuban-American friends whose hard work and sacrifices have added so much to our nation. At the same time, we cannot forget those brave individuals in Cuba who are at risk for promoting democracy and human rights in their homeland.

Here in America, we look forward to the day when Cubans are able to speak freely without fear of retribution and when democratic reforms will replace the only remaining dictatorship in our hemisphere. Viva Cuba Libre!

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 7TH ANNUAL ASIAN SPRING FESTIVAL

• Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 7th Annual

Asian Spring Festival. This special event was initiated by the Asian American Civic Association in 1996.

The Asian Spring Festival is annually held in conjunction with Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in May. This event provides a unique opportunity for members of this diverse community to come together and celebrate the unique aspects of their culture. It is also an opportunity to honor outstanding Asian-Americans within their communities.

Throughout its history, our Nation has grown and evolved in a positive way as peoples of many backgrounds, beliefs, and ideas have come together to make America the greatest Nation on Earth. With this in mind, it is important to honor the special aspects of our society that create this unique whole.

I wish the Asian-American community the best on this special occasion.●

TRIBUTE TO INTERNATIONAL PAPER'S MADISON LUMBER MILL

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to International Paper's Madison Lumber Mill of Madison, NH, which was named this year's Manufacturing Business of the Year by the New Hampshire Chamber of Commerce and Business NH Magazine.

As the ranking Republican member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, I applaud Madison Lumber Mill on its outstanding environmental efforts. As the neighbor to 1,800 acres of conservation land owned by the Nature Conservancy, the mill makes extraordinary efforts to create a minimum impact on the environment. Through courtesy and a shared commitment to land conservation, the two neighbors have developed a solid relationship. Along with a dedication to conservation, the mill is constantly looking to reduce any environmental impact, and their environmental compliance goes above and beyond the requirements of the law. One of the mill's main goals is to operate under the principles of the Sustainable Forestry initiative program, which ensures the perpetual growth and harvesting of trees while protecting wildlife, plants, soil, air and water quality.

I commend the dedication Madison Mill exemplifies within the community and surrounding areas. Not only does the mill purchase 90 percent of its log supply from predominantly private land owners within a 60 mile radius of the plant, but they also require their loggers to complete safety training courses. Continuing a tradition of community service, Madison Mill annually grants \$10,000 to local libraries, schools and civic organizations. Along with donations, the mill has developed a Community Advisory Council partnership to keep the lines of communication between the mill and local community open. One of the council's main goals is to facilitate community economic de-

velopment and awareness. The 13 member council meets quarterly to discuss regional issues, raise concerns with the mill and discuss plans for the future.

I applaud Madison Lumber Mill and their dedication to surrounding communities and the environment. Their environmental efforts and positive additions to the community exemplify why Madison Mill was this year's award recipient. It is an honor to represent you in the United States Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO RIVERWOODS AT EXETER

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the Riverwoods at Exeter healthcare facility. Riverwoods was named this year's Health Care Business of the Year by the New Hampshire Chamber of Commerce and Business NH Magazine.

I applaud the Riverwoods community on their positive impact in their surrounding community. By consistently giving back to their community, the 350 residents set a superb example for all Granite Staters to follow. Before the facility had even been built, Riverwoods set the tone of their philanthropic efforts by donating land to the Town of Exeter for baseball and soccer fields for the town youth programs. The tradition of giving has continued over the years as Riverwoods has been named by the Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce as one of the Top 10 Corporate Citizens for 1999, 2000 and 2001.

Alongside the acclaim Riverwoods has received, one of their biggest rewards is being actively involved in their community. More than 50 percent of the residents and staff contribute to the United Way of the Greater Seacoast. Their contributions have grown from \$2,381 to an astounding \$28,544 in the past six years. The children of Exeter are enjoying their new "Planet Playground" thanks in part to the Road Race which the Riverwoods organized and sponsored to benefit the playground. The road race profits exceeded \$35,000 and helped build Exeter's newest playground. The children of Exeter were not the only residents to benefit from Riverwood's generosity, the local teen center was bought and refurbished with the gala dinner which Riverwoods organized and co-chaired. The benefit dinner raised \$63,000 for the teens, and gave the center its first real "home."

I commend the residents, staff and philosophy of the Riverwoods community, and thank them on behalf of Exeter and the Seacoast communities. It is with continued dedication to the community that Riverwoods has been named this year's award recipient. It is an honor to represent you in the United States Senate.●